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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Original) Use of angelicin or a structural analogue thereof for the preparation of a medicament for the therapeutic treatment of beta-thalassaemia.
- 2. (Original) Use according to claim 1, wherein the structural ana-logue is selected from the group consisting of linear and an-gular coumarins, optionally substituted, heteroanalogues of angelicin, thiopyrano-benzofurans, acylangelicins, alkylan-gelicins, alkoxycarbamoylangelicins, psoralens, and isop-soralens, optionally substituted.
- 3. (Original) Use according to claim 2, wherein the structural ana-logue is bergapten.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Use according to any one of the preceding claims 1 wherein the angelicin or structural analogue is in combination with at least one further modifier of the transcription process.
- 5. (Original) Use according to Claim 4 in which the further modifier of the transcription process is selected from the group consist-ing of cytosine arabinoside, retinoic acid,

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plicamycin, mithramycin, hydroxyurea, guanine, guanosine triphosphate (GTP), guanosine diphosphate (GDP) and guanosine monophos-phate (GMP).